

Washington, DC – To honor the life, service and sacrifice of North Saint Paul, Minnesota Police Officer Richard Crittenden, Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) today delivered the following Congressional Statement on the U.S. House Floor:

*Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and public service of North St. Paul Police Officer Richard Crittenden who will be laid to rest tomorrow.*

*On Monday morning, Officer Crittenden was sent to respond to a domestic dispute call and he was killed protecting a woman from a man who had repeatedly abused her.*

*North Saint Paul is a wonderful community of 11,000 people where I raised my children and served on the city council. To lose an officer in the line of duty is a tragedy for every resident.*

*On behalf of my constituents and all Minnesotans, I extend our prayers and deepest sympathies to Officer Crittenden's wife, Christine, his children, and grand-children. Their loss is tremendous.*

*To North Saint Paul officials and residents, especially the members of the police department, I extend my condolences at this time of great pain and loss.*

*Officer Crittenden gave the ultimate sacrifice – his life – in the line of duty. His service as a peace officer was always respected, but his courage and sacrifice makes him a hero who shall always be remembered and honored.*

*I yield back the balance of my time.*

*Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-4) serves on the House Appropriations & Budget Committees.*

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